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1. REFTEL REQUESTS INFORMATION ON VISIT OF AUDUBON SOCIETY DIRECTOR ON "ORNITHOLOGY EXCHANGE". HIS NAME IS MR. JAMES BAIRD. THE AUDUBON SOCIETY AND CITIZEN EXCHANGE CORPS (NATASHA LELAND) HAVE ARRANGED A SPECIAL TRIP FOR NEXT MAY FOR ABOUT 25 AUDUBON PEOPLE. THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE ALL MADE THROUGH INTOURIST, AND THE VISITORS WILL HAVE TOURIST STATUS. THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS TO STUDY THE BIRD LIFE IN VARIOUS SOVIET NATIONAL PARKS.

2. MR. BAIRD AND MS. LELAND WISH TO WORK THIS INTO SOME-THING MORE "SCIENTIFIC" AND PERHAPS INITIATE AN EXCHANGE WITH THE AUDUBON SOCIETY'S COUNTERPART IN THE SOVIET UNION. THIS IS THE BUSINESS THEY WISH TO DISCUSS.

3. NATASHA LELAND INFORMED DEPARTMENT SHE WILL BE IN

MOSCOW NEXT MONDAY, DEC.6, AND WILL CONTACT SCIENCE SECTION
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AT EMBASSY. ROBINSON

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